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Dear Josh:

I've got good, if not unexpected, news; at least news to me: my PHS grant has been approved exactly as requested. Do you think there is any advantage in moving up the activation date to Sept. 1? Ray (Dr. Malcolm Ray of the Grants Division of the NCI) says that equipment can not be ordered on a grant before its activation date. He says there will be no difficulty in moving the date to Sept. 1 if we want but does not think it will be easy to advance it beyond that.

I've sent a fairly complete idea of the lab I want built to Lester Gorsline, the architect. Do you want copies of my plans?

As the result of a "Bull Session" we had some two weeks ago, Peggy Lieb and I wrote a short note which we consider to be presumptuous. I am enclosing it to get your frank opinion of whether we would be too presumptuous to submit it for publication. Also, of course, we would appreciate criticism of the draft itself. I've sent a copy to Yanofsky and asked him to fill in the blanks. If he is unable to do so, the idea *has no substance* in fact, of course. We have also asked him how he would feel about our using his facts and those of others and proposing an hypothesis in an area in which we have never worked ourselves.

What will be available for temporary quarters for me? I would particularly like to know what I can order to put in there.

If you will send me the names of the people with whom I will be dealing in making purchases, having things constructed, etc., I will greatly appreciate it and will undoubtedly bother you a little less with routine affairs of this sort.

Regards.

Yours,

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